



# Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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## Recycle. Reduce. Reuse.

### Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 25, 2010

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, November 22, 2010	No Change
Tuesday, November 23, 2010	No Change
Wednesday, November 24, 2010	No Change
Thursday, November 25, 2010	Friday, November 26, 2010
Friday, November 26, 2010	Saturday, November 27, 2010

Please remember to make sure your recycling containers are placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

Please Note: There are no changes to Montgomery County's recycling collection schedule for Veteran's Day (Thursday, November 11, 2010), Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25, 2010) or New Year's Day (Saturday, January 1, 2011). For more information on the holiday collection slide schedule, visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

**Recycle more now.**

Montgomery County's overall recycling rate is 44 percent and our goal is to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated in the County. Everyone, all residents and businesses, play an important role in the success of the County's recycling efforts. Recycling all materials that can be recycled, reducing the amount of waste generated, and buying products made with recycled content are three simple actions that everyone living and working in the County can do that will have positive results for our environment.

This November, the Division of Solid Waste Services will be providing opportunities for residents to recycle more materials and reduce the amount of waste generated. Two paper shredding/recycling and donation collection events are scheduled for the weekend of November 13 and 14 (see page 2 for details). Please help us increase participation in these events by providing this information to others in your community.

Other educational activities are being scheduled in November throughout the County to inform residents about recycling, waste reduction, buying recycled, composting and grasscycling. Please check Page 4 for listing of upcoming events or visit our website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling). We look forward to seeing you and answering your questions about recycling.

Recycling Coordinator



## Celebrate America Recycles Day 2010...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Recycled!

America Recycles Day, officially November 15th, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting recycling programs across the country. The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) is hosting numerous events around November 15 to raise awareness of residents and businesses and to increase the amount of materials collected for recycling and reduce the amount of waste disposed as trash.

Montgomery County residents are invited to participate in two opportunities to shred and recycle their confidential personal papers and donate gently used clothing and other household items in working condition to local charitable organizations. Recycling, waste reduction and buying recycled information will also be provided. These events will be held during the weekend of November 13 and 14, 2010. Please see below for details.

## Take the ARD Pledge

Take the America Recycles Day Pledge to increase recycling and be entered into a local drawing with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Residents are asked to pledge to increase their efforts to learn more about recycling in the community, lead by example at work or school, and talk to others about recycling. There is no cost and by entering your pledge on-line, you will be entered into a regional drawing for a chance to win a \$300 gift certificate to a local bicycle shop (all ages) or for students in grades K-12, a chance to win a \$300 gift certificate at a bicycle shop AND a \$500 grant to the local K-12 environmental program/club of choice.

Take the pledge today, before November 15, 2010, at [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org).

Take the  Pledge



### NEED TO SHRED YOUR CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS?



**Join Montgomery County in celebrating America Recycles Day by shredding/recycling your paper and donating clothing and household goods in working condition!**

**Saturday, November 13**  
**12:00pm to 4:00pm**  
Gaithersburg High School  
314 S. Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

*or...*

**Sunday, November 14**  
**12:00pm to 4:00pm**  
Montgomery Blair High School  
51 University Boulevard East  
(Colesville Road parking lot)  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

- Montgomery County residents only; no businesses permitted.
- Paper shredding limit: Five paper grocery bags or small boxes.
- Cars must be in line by closing time.
- Donations: Bring clean clothing, household goods, and small furniture that are in usable condition. Please place loose items in bags or boxes.
- There is no cost to participate and events will occur rain or shine.



Donate items!



Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

## Don't Rake and Collect Leaves, Compost Them Instead

This fall, composting yard trim such as leaves, grass clippings and other yard trim materials is a great way to save time, energy and the environment. Instead of raking and collecting leaves, compost them right in your own backyard. The Division of Solid Waste Services provides residents with compost bins at no additional charge. Visit our website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) or call 3-1-1 for a list of locations where residents can obtain these compost bins. Here are just a few simple tips to remember:



Place a mixture of leaves and grass clippings into your compost bin. If you add only leaves, it will take a longer time to make compost. A three-to-one mix of carbon to nitrogen materials (see list) works the best. Adding only grass clippings may result in a strong odor when the grass decomposes, so make sure to add some carbon-rich materials such as leaves when you add grass clippings.



Keep your compost pile moist throughout the year, especially when first adding materials. The compost pile should not be completely soaked, but should feel more like a damp sponge. A dry pile will not compost, so leave a concave depression at the top of the pile to capture rainwater. If the pile gets too wet, add some brown materials such as leaves.



Turn your pile occasionally to aerate it, whether every week, every month, or just once or twice a year. Doing so will add oxygen to your pile and will help speed the composting process.

### ✓ COMPOSTING DOs

### ⊗ COMPOSTING DON'Ts

#### Carbon-Rich (Brown) Materials

- ✓ Dry leaves
- ✓ Cotton rags
- ✓ Dryer and vacuum lint
- ✓ Sawdust
- ✓ Straw
- ✓ Wood chips

- ⊗ Black walnut tree leaves or twigs
- ⊗ Coal or charcoal ash
- ⊗ Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- ⊗ Food wastes\* (dairy products, fats, grease, lard, oils, meats, fish, bones and vegetable scraps)
- ⊗ Pet wastes

#### Nitrogen-Rich (Green) Materials

- ✓ Plant trimmings
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Fresh hay
- ✓ Nut shells

\*Please note: Adding food scraps to a compost bin is strongly discouraged as it can attract pests such as insects and rodents.

The Division recently released a video on how to compost in your backyard. This video reviews the do's and don't of composting, how to compost and how to use compost. To watch the video or to request a copy visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

## What Else Can We Do?

Staff from the Division of Solid Waste Services are available to provide on-site presentations about recycling, waste reduction, buying recycled, grasscycling and composting to your community.

We can schedule daytime, evening and weekend presentations. To schedule a recycling presentation for your next community meeting or event, call Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, at 240-777-6480.



## NBC4 Community Shred Event... A Great Success!

The Division of Solid Waste Services partnered with NBC4 to host a paper shredding and recycling event on Saturday, September 11 at the Rockville campus of Montgomery College. Under bright, sunny weather, 1,715 vehicles drove through the event. A total of 31 tons of paper was shredded and recycled and 1.5 tons of cardboard boxes were collected for recycling. A special thanks to everyone that participated and to all of the dedicated volunteers and staff that contributed to making the event a success.



Volunteers helping during the NBC4 Community Shred event.



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### Important Contact Information

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Website: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)  
Customer Service: 3-1-1  
(240) 777-0311 (outside Montgomery County)  
(240) 773-3556 (TTY)  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311)

County Transfer Station  
(240) 777-6560

County Recycling Center  
(301) 417-1433

This information is available in an alternate format by  
calling Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6480.



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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Visit with staff and recycling volunteers from the Division of Solid Waste Services to learn more about waste reduction, reuse, recycling, buying recycled and more at the following events this fall:

### 1st District Police Station Open House

- Saturday, November 6, 2010 (12:00pm - 3:00pm)  
1st District Police Station; 1451 Seven Locks Road,  
Rockville

### DSWS America Recycles Day - Paper shredding/ recycling and household good donation events:

- Saturday, November 13, 2010 (12:00pm - 4:00pm)  
Gaithersburg High School; 314 S. Frederick Road,  
Gaithersburg
- Sunday, November 14, 2010 (12:00pm - 4:00pm)  
Montgomery Blair High School;  
51 University Blvd. E., Silver Spring

### DSWS America Recycles Day information tables:

- **Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market**  
Saturday, November 13, 2010 (8:00am - 11:00am)  
7155 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda
- **Korean Market**  
Sunday, November 14, 2010 (10:00am - 1:00pm)  
12207 Veirs Mill Road, Silver Spring

### Thanksgiving Parade

Saturday, November 20, 2010 (10:00am - 12:00pm)  
Downtown Silver Spring

Visit our website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) for a full listing of events. To schedule staff from the Division of Solid Waste Services to participate in your event, call 3-1-1.